"I'm okay."

Is what the girl who was baptized always said.

#03

TH...THE CAT...
TALKED...!!
WHY?
THIS YOUR FIRST TIME SEEING A TALKING CAT?
O..OF COURSE!
IT JUST MEANS THAT YOU KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THE WORLD
PING
IT ISN'T SOMETHING YOU SHOULD BE PROUD OF OR BE SHOUTING ABOUT.
ARE YOU BY ANY CHANCE THE DRIVER OF THIS BUS...?
THE STUPID CAT IS TALKING BACK!!!
I AM THE PERSON WHO WILL BE TAKING YOU TO THE TESTING GROUNDS. THE DRIVER OF BUS NUMBER 666, WINCHY!
A CAT'S DRIVING A BUS...? AND A LEVITATING BUS AT THAT!?
GRIN
SO YOU WANT TO SEE MY LICENSE?
HERE YOU GO~
THIS BUS IS THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN GET TO THE TESTING GROUNDS
BANG
KILL HIM!!!
DON'T!? ARE U IN THE 90'S, GRANDMA!?
GETTING OFF HERE MEANS YOU'RE GIVING UP. SO LISTEN TO YOUR GIRLFRIEND!
WHOSE GIRLFRIEND?!!
YOU'RE REALLY LUCKY. YOU KNOW THAT THAT TIME?
KR-R!
WANNA DIE?! I'M A GIRL!!
NOMO...
P.S. SERIOUSLY KILL YOU!?
THE TYPICAL REACTION

TALKING TO ME LIKE THAT WON'T HELP YOU, YOU KNOW. I'M AN EXAMINER.

YEAH, YOU NEVER THOUGHT THE EXAMINER WOULD COME OUT TO MEET YOU IN PERSON, DID YOU?

SOME RESULTS MAY BE IN YOUR FAVOR IF YOU GET ON MY GOOD SIDE.

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

I LOVE YOU.

THAT'S THAT A LITTLE OVER THE TOP?

I...IT'S NOT LIKE I REALLY WANT TO PASS THE TEST!

THEN GO AHEAD AND FAIL.

SCREW IT!! I'M NOT DOING THIS DOG SHIT!!

NOT 'CAT' SHIT?

SHUT UP!!

HEY, MR. ABORIGINAL. AREN'T YOU GOOD AT ANYTHING OTHER THAN PISSING LIZZIES OFF PEOPLE?

SOMETHING YOU'RE GOOD AT... LIKE SOME TYPE OF APPEAL... OR ANY SPECIAL TRAIT?

I'M IN YOUR CARE.

HE'S NORMAL.

LET ME ASK ONE THING.

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A TALISMAN?

TO GAIN POWER!

YES, THAT'S CORRECT. YOU CAN GAIN INCREDIBLE POWER ONCE YOU BECOME A TALISMAN. THAT IS THE REASON MANY GET ON THIS BUS YEAR AFTER YEAR.

BUT I CANNOT GIVE YOU THE STRENGTH JUST BECAUSE YOU WANT IT.

BECAUSE ALL POWER COMES WITH RESPONSIBILITY!

TO GAIN GREAT STRENGTH...

BADUM

YOU MUST BE ABLE TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR IT!

WE FILTER ALL THOSE WITH HALFHEARTED AND IMPURE THOUGHTS AHEAD OF TIME.

THROUGH THE INTERVIEW ON THIS BUS.

SO THAT'S WHY YOU ONLY HAD TWO PEOPLE ON THE BUS...!

EXACTLY. 10 POINTS FOR GRYFFINDOR.

SO YOU'RE SAYING THIS IS THE FIRST GATEWAY

HOW MUCH DO YOU GUYS KNOW ABOUT THE TALISMANS?

THE CONFLICTS WITH 9 CENTRAL NATIONS NEVER CEASED.

SINCE THE 9 NATIONS WERE ALWAYS TOUCHING EACH OTHER, "JAPAN" AND "TAIWAN" WERE ALWAYS USING THE SAME RESOURCES, AND PUT THEM IN CONSTANT WAR.

THE TWO NATIONS CREATED UNIQUE STRATEGIES AS THEY STRUGGLED AGAINST EACH OTHER

THE TALISMAN IS JAPAN'S OWN UNIQUE SYSTEM AS WELL AS A PUFF, FRYTIGGE, AND ROSH OWNERSHIP

AND THE REASON AN ENDLESS AMOUNT OF PEOPLE WANT TO BECOME A TALISMAN IS THE MYSTERIOUS POWER OF "SANCTUARY"

UNLIKE TALISMAN, IN THE FREE COUNTRY OF DESTAIR, THE TALISMANS ARE NOT SOLDIERS, AND THEY CAN USE THEIR POWERS HOWEVER THEY WANT.

SO WHAT'S THE REASON YOU PLANTED THOSE TALISMAN PERSONERS?

PERSONERS, YOU SAY?

SH

WELL, OKAY.

OO

SO TELL ME

OM

WHY DO YOU WANT THAT POWER?

DEPENDING ON YOUR ANSWER, I CAN EITHER TAKE YOU TO THE TESTING GROUNDS

OR I'LL YOU RIGHT HERE.

LYING WILL NOT DO YOU ANY GOOD

FOR ME...

IT'S FOR REVENGE.

AND TO REVIVE THE PERSON I LOVE...!

...!

HMM...

DOESN'T SOUND LIKE A VERY DESIRABLE REASON TO ME

HOW ABOUT YOU... LONG HAIR?

OVER THOSE RAINY CLOUDS...

FOR REVENGE.

AND FOR FREEDOM.

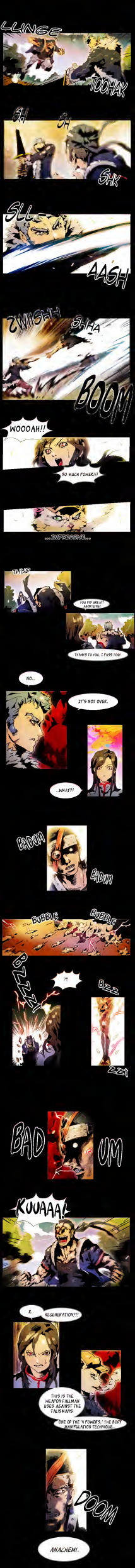
HAH

HAHA

....?!!!!

SHIRK

WH...WHAT THE?!!
SUDDEN FALLING?!!!
VV
VR
RR
KU
GU
GU
BOMP
HEY... DON'T TELL ME HE FAILED, RIGHT...?
YOU SHOULD BE ORIGINALLY...BUT...
I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO GIVE YOU A SECOND CHANCE IF YOU'VE MET WITH THE CAPTAIN?
...?
...!!
YOU GUYS
PASS IF YOU TAKE DOWN THIS GUY.
SHUT THIS.
A FALLMAN SOLDIER?
THE FALLMAN CARRIED OUT INHUMAN EXPERIMENTS IN ORDER TO WAGE WAR AGAINST JESTAR.
THEY CHOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO GAVE UP THEIR VALUE IN LIFE AND MODIFIED THEM.
WHAT CAME FORTH WAS THE UNDYING ARMY...
DEVIL'S ONE!!!!
STAB
YOU WANT US TO FIGHT WITH THEM AGAIN?!!
NO...HE'S DIFFERENT FROM THE ONES BEFORE.
HE'S ON A DIFFERENT LEVEL
THE TALISMANS HAVE BEEN FIGHTING DEVIL'S ONE FOR A LONG TIME.
IF YOU MANAGE TO BECOME A TALISMAN
YOU WILL HAVE TO FIGHT ENEMIES LIKE HIM!
SHHNS
!!
AGAIN, WHERE DID THAT SWORD...
SO HE PASS
IF HE BEAT HIM!
THAT'S RIGHT.
KAAAKKK!!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TOOHAK
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OH
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SHHA
BOOM
WOOOAH!!
SO MUCH POWER!!!
...SUPPRESSIVE...
TH-HUP
YOU DO GREAT! KEEP GOIN!
THANKS TO YOU, I PASS 100!
NO...
IT'S NOT OVER.
...WHAT?!
BADOOM
BADUM
BUBBLE
BUBBLE
BZZZ
!!!
BZZ
ZZK
BAD
UM
KUUAAA!
R-REGENERATION?!!
THIS IS THE WEAPON FALLMAR USES AGAINST THE TALISMANS
"ONE OF THE 4 POWERS," THE BODY MANIPULATION TECHNIQUE.
DOOM
ANACHEM!..

...ANACHEM?!

A TECHNIQUE WHICH IS A FORCEFUL ALTERATION OF THE HUMAN BODY TO MAKE IT VERY HARD TO KILL

BUT THAT'S NOT ALL...

BZZZZT

KA-

CHING!!

IT CAN ALSO CONTROL THE BODY DOWN TO THE ATOMIC LEVEL.

SO IT IS ABLE TO ALTER IT'S BODY IN ANY WAY

IT IS THE POWER TO CONTROL THE ENTIRE BODY!

BADUM

BADUM

BADUM

AMAZING...!

...

ZI ZI

KA-

BOOM

!!!!

HUH?! OOF YOU.

IT CAN CONTROL IT'S ENTIRE BODY

SAME GOES FOR THE BLOOD ON THE SWORD!

SHAA

THE BLOOD ACTS AS A LIQUID BOMB.

IT'S BEEN...

UPGRADED ALREADY...!!

DOOM

YOUR

ARM FLESH OFF.

Ts-none. Thanks, captain obvious.

IT'S OKAY...

I'M AN OLDER MODEL, AND I CAN'T DO ANYTHING LIKE A BLOOD BOMB...

BUT I CAN SURE AS HELL REGENERATE

BUBBLE

SO YOU WERE A FALLMAN TOO.

BZZZT

SO YOU... FOUND OUT

BACK THEN WHEN WE RECORDED YOU...

AND WHEN YOU SAW THE FALLMAN

YOU HAD A STORY EXPRESSION

BUT YOU STILL DON'T FEEL ANYTHING EVEN THOUGH MY ARM FLEW OFF?

I'M KIND OF SAD

I'M SURPRISED WITH MYSELF IN EVERY MOMENT.

SO I DON'T HAVE ANY SCREAMS LEFT IN ME.

REALLY? THAT'S TOO BAD.

I WAITED TO SEE YOU WAVER.

SO YOU...WERE A PALLMAN.

NOT A PHYSICALLY ALTERED ONE AT THAT.

I'M...

HERE TO TAKE REVENGE ON MY OWN COUNTRY!!

ERADICATE ALL THE DESTRUCTION, DOMINATION, AND IRRATIONALITY

OUT OF THAT GOD FORSAKEN PLACE!!!!

...THE INJURIES ON EACH OTHER.

I THOUGHT MAYBE IT WOULD BE A COINCIDENCE OR A ROOKIE TRYING TO FOLLOW THE LEGENDS.

BUT IF IT'S A "PALLMAN"...

NO ONE WOULD DARE TRY TO COPY THAT MARK.

A STRANGE ONE HAS COME TO THIS COUNTRY.

WELL... THANKS TO THAT, THE PROBABILITY THAT THE "PREY" HAS ARRIVED HERE IS HIGHER.

...TO THAT WAY I CAME HERE?

TO FIND OUT AMIDST OF TIME IF HE'S HERE?

IF NOT....

EVEN YOUR CLOTHES REGENERATE!?

THE ENHANCED "BRAIN" WAS CONTROL DOWN TO THE ATOMS... AND THE ENHANCED "HEART" DOES A LOT OF PUMPING

I CAN PULL OUT THINGS LIKE CLOTHES OR A SWORD FROM MY BODY

WHOSOEVER!!!

SO YOU DON'T FEEL PAIN EITHER?

WELL... IT'S POSSIBLE TO DO THAT

BUT I REFUSED

YOU REMAIN CONSCIOUS EVEN WHEN YOUR MIND FLIES OFF.

HAVE A "WEAPON" THAT WILL FIGHT FOR ME EVEN IF I LOSE MYSELF.

PAIN ISN'T THE PROBLEM, NOR BECAUSE I HAVE NO FEAR, I CAN WIN IT OVER.

AMAZING...

YOU'RE REALLY STRONG.

NO...

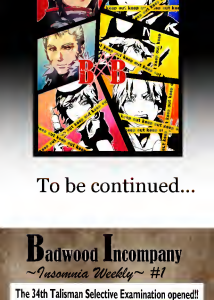
THE REASON I'M HERE ISN'T BECAUSE OF HIM.

I WANT TO

KILL YOU

TRY IT

IF YOU CAN.



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~Insomnia Weekly~ #1

The 34th Talisman Selective Examination opened!!

This is reporter K on Insomnia Weekly! the newspaper who gives the latest news going on in the continent of Insomnia!

Today we have the topic you've all been waiting for, the 34th Talisman Selective Examination.

"Talisman" is a unique occupation in the free nation of Imeter which a public official as well as a soldier! They fight when the enemy attacks, take care of public affairs during times of peace, and can use their power however they want even when they have no responsibility to uphold. An honorary occupation indeed!

That is why year after year, there are more and more contestants, and the tests become more and more difficult, I wonder what kind of test it will be this year.

Information cannot be revealed before the exam due to the enemy country, Fellman, but according to my sources!@ This year's test will be held on a different scale than before...

I wonder just what it is!

I believe all the contestants will be able to overcome any ordeal that is placed before them with their passion, perseverance, and resolved hearts. There will be many who fail, but don't forget that you can always apply next year!

This was reporter K from the B-I magazine

Next week, we'll be interviewing the Talisman school.

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